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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: Methods for Laundering Delicate Garments in a Washing Machine

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

The Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 7, 2004.

Claims 1, 16 - 20, and 23 are cancelled herewith without prejudice. New Claim 44 is added herewith. Support for new Claim 44 is found on page 23, line 35 and page 24, lines I - 2 of the instant specification.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.